

increase in unemployment as well emergence of other serious problems has been expressed in the report;

(c) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(d) what steps Government have taken so far to remove the above apprehensions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the present demand projections, the availability of manpower would be adequate both for the hard core IT software sector and IT enabled services. However, it has been reported that in the case of graduating students low acceptance rate in the industry at present results in underemployment.

(d) Efforts are being made to ensure that the various recommendations made in the interim report of the Task Force on HRD in IT are implemented at the earliest.

UNICEF Report on Child Welfare in India

4640. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as per UNICEF report, nothing was being done for child welfare in India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that UNICEF has highlighted the absence of a proper child welfare department in India; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The Department of Women and Child Development is not aware of the report which is referred to in the Question.

(b) UNICEF has informed that it is not aware of a comment

made in any UNICEF report regarding absence of a proper Child Welfare Department in India.

(c) Question does not arise.

**National Curriculum Framework for School
Education**

4641. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new "National Curriculum Framework for School Education" (NCFSE) by NCERT has been finalised/approved; if so, the date of its implementation;

(b) whether it is as per provisions and directions of the National Policy on Education (NPE) of 1986 and the Programme of Action, earlier approved by the Parliament;

(c) whether medieval India's history finds any mention in the new NCFSE; and

(d) how and in what manner, Government propose to make education 'indigenous' in whole of the country, as per NCFSE?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) NCERT has prepared and released a new National Curriculum Framework for School Education in January 2001 within the broad parameters of the National Policy on Education framed in 1986 and revised in 1992. NCERT has initiated action for development of detailed syllabi of individual subject. The recommendations of NCERT are advisory in nature and the State Governments/UTs are free to adapt/adopt these recommendations as per their requirement and therefore no specific date of implementation has been indicated. NCFSE has been circulated to State Governments/UTs for such action as deemed fit.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) One of the core concerns of the NCFSE is strengthening national identity, as well as integrating indigenous knowledge and